

I thought to have Colored people do, haven't you known how to work? Do Colored people know how to pick a man? Don't they know how to raise a man? That isn't the kind of man they have got to raise before they will be independent. (Applause). Every white man who hates the Negro loves Booker T. Washington. (Applause). Every one of them loves him because they believe that he is leading the Colored men to accept the unjust, cruel conditions that the white race imposes on him; because he is leading them back to be content in an inferior position and the inferior position is nothing but slavery in the end. They love him because he teaches you to be contented; and a good man who can look over the office of the United States; a Colored man who can see men, women, children outraged, not for crime, but for color—who can see them degraded of work, of social equality; a Colored man who can do this ought to be a slave. (Applause). I read an account now and then of a Negro who is supposed to have done some terrible deed and is taken out and burned at the stake. The charge against him makes no impression on me. I know that man was burned at the stake because he was a Colored man. I wouldn't take the time to find out whether the charges were true or false; that has nothing to do with it. If I pick up a paper and find out that whenever a white man assaults a black or white woman he is taken out and burned at the stake, then I will begin to investigate the question of whether he is innocent or guilty. (Applause). But when it is only the black man who is punished in this way then I know the cause of it. The cause is that the lord made his face black and that is the only cause.

I do not like this Booker Washington movement I have spoken of. If I did not think this matter was such an urgent one to the Colored people I would not take the responsibility of saying what I do against a great work such as Mr. Washington's in the South. But I have read his book; there's nothing ennobling in it. (Applause). The thoughts are sordid, crude, materialistic to the core. I know he has many contributors through the North and through the South but it isn't everybody who gives you a contribution that does you good. It isn't the money, it's the spirit that goes with the money that counts. (Applause). The Negro question is not a question of knowing how to work; it's a question of knowing how to get wages; it's a question of equality; but when it gets down to it I tell you, however much you may deny it, the whole question is a question of social equality and it will never be solved until this is reached. I'm not interested in any scheme to teach Negroes to be better servants. (Applause). And what is true of Negroes is true of everybody else. I would like to teach every worthy man and woman in the United States to be very much worse servants than they are. I don't think anybody ought to serve another unless that other is willing to do the same service to them. (Applause). Unless I'm willing to take your dinner I have no right to ask you to bring me mine. You must settle the question on that line or you never will settle it while the word lasts.

Now, I'll speak of something a little closer home. I remember one time I came over on the boat from Europe—and Mr. Armour was on the same boat and we discussed the Negro; and I must say that Mr. Philip Armour was a real friend of the Negro race, but he said, I like the Negroes because they are loyal to me in times of strikes. Now, I'm going to get after your people some; and here again I don't want any of you to think that I don't know the hardships of Colored people. It has been hard for Colored people to get decent jobs to do and if they can serve as "scabs" it's difficult for them to take the job.

I'm talking of that justice which you can not get; what you probably don't hope for, for yourselves but that some of you hope for the children and the grandchildren that you will leave behind. So far as this generation is concerned I don't believe that any person who is listening to my voice now will ever live long enough to see it. You will be compelled to receive these insults, this injustice these wrongs at the hands of white people down to the grave, but for the children that are coming after you and the grandchildren and the generations following I know that you are willing to make these sacrifices. The cause of the black man is the cause of labor. You cannot act as "scabs"; I don't say that many of you do it. You must not oppress the poor white; he is the only friend who will remain true to your cause for you have more in common with him than with any other class of the community and no other class can or will help you in the end.

Another thing that I did not like. The chairman may disagree with me. I don't know. He stayed at home during the war. I think every Colored man should have stayed at home during the war. (Applause). I have no respect for a black American who would go and shoot down a black Philippino fighting for his liberty. (Applause). And when the Colored people allow themselves to be placed in the front rank for a little miserable petty glory they degrade themselves; you can't afford to fight slaves; you can't afford to fight against liberty even if so strong and powerful and despotic a nation as this should take sides against human liberty. The cause of the Philppinos was the cause of the poor and the weak and the black fighting for liberty. Don't be used as ammunition for the white people. Whenever you get a regiment and go and help the white man for unjust causes they will give you the place of honor right where the bullets are the thickest.

There will come a day in this world—you all will be dead; our descendants up to five generations may be dead; but there will come a time when all men, black or white, all people on earth will be considered social and political equals and when only courage and worth and true character will count in the judgment of your fellow men. (Applause).

JACOB L. PARKS.



Who is fast forging to the front as the most popular, leading and progressive undertaker and embalmer in the great city of Chicago.

Mr. Parks' establishment at 3155 State street, Phone Douglas 3231, is up to date in every respect. He carries a full or complete line of furnishings, and everything used in connection with his business.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Jones 4431 Champlain ave., entertained a number of young people Wednesday eve., in honor of their guest, Mrs. Frank Robbins of Racine, Wis.

An Indiana editor printed the following: "The fellow who is courting a certain married woman would better leave town, as the husband is onto him." The paper had not been out long before every man in town had left except three old cripples and a man who had not read the paper.



MR. PICKETT GILLESPIE.  
Republican Politician, Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Mr. Pickett Gillespie has been appointed as general clerk in the Circuit Court Clerks Office and assigned as general clerk in the Juvenile Court, 260 Clark St. Mr. Gillespie has been formerly working as clerk in the County Clerks Office. His sponsor for both positions is the Hon. Chauncey M. Dewey, Committeeman of the Second Ward.

Mrs. Regina Claybourn 3022 State st., cut his hand with a bottle so seriously that he is unable to work.

Miss Flora Moore of Danville, Ky., is spending the holidays in the city the guest of Miss Mayme Sweet 6133 Ada st.

Attorney C. J. Waring, 119 La Salle St., spent Christmas with friends in Louisville, Ky.

G. B. Brooks Transfer and Ice Depot, coal and wood, wholesale and retail. Dealer, 5213 Lake Ave.

W. M. Locks, Maryland Cafe. Remember we are at 5536 Lake Ave.



GEORGE H. WOODSON.

Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court of Cook County, a Prominent Worker in the Ranks of the Republican Party, and is Popular with His Many Friends.

Geo. H. Woodson, graduate from Beloit College, Wis., before becoming prominent in politics, was employed by the leading Asphalt Companies in the west. The Asserian Co., of which he was time keeper and signed tickets for all loads hauled, Barber Asphalt Company, for which he had charge of the mixer.

In time Mr. Woodson became a tower of strength in the political field of this city a brain force to be reckoned with by any one who perchance comes in contact with it. It is conceded by all who are familiar with the political history of this city that Mr. Woodson with that dogged determination and determinate persistence has won his place in the political arena. He has won out against one of the strongest political combinations that ever controlled an organization. He fought for seven long years year by year against the Hanney forces and routed them. He now holds a position as Deputy Clerk in the Superior Clerk's Office of Cook County. He is District Captain of the Second Ward. His following is large among both white and black voters because they have confidence in him, and whatever promises he makes to his constituents he at least tries to keep them.



Chicago Ladies' Mandolin Club. N. Clark Smith, Director.

Mr. Will Dixon who has spent the past two years in New York and Europe is spending the holidays in Chicago visiting his mother and brothers, at 3736 Dearborn st.

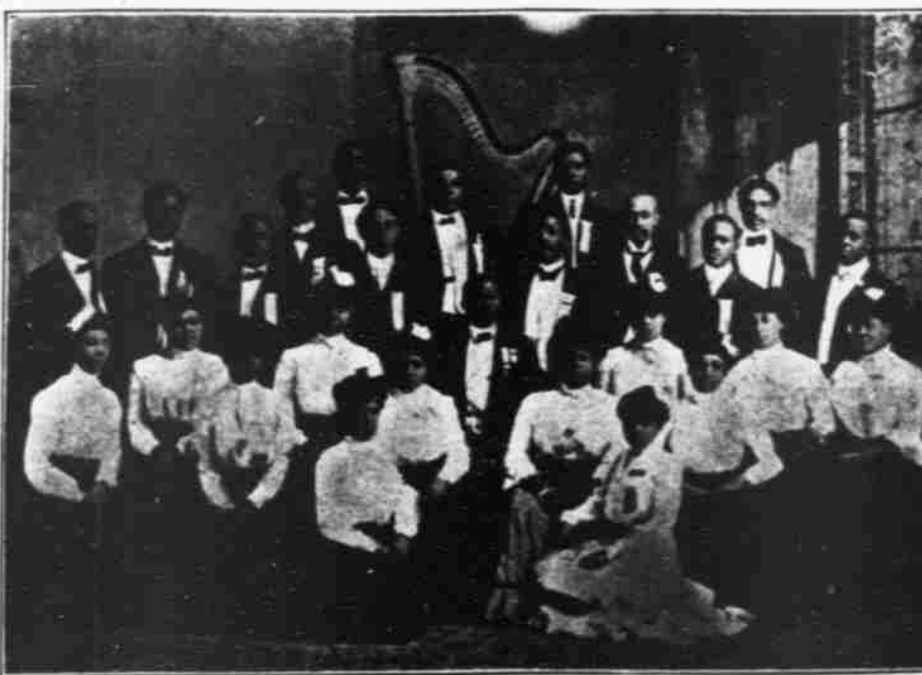
Mr. and Mrs. Lynch after an absence of two months from the city have returned stopping at 3117 Wabash ave.

Mr. John Simms 3701 State st., is confined to his bed with pneumonia.

Mr. John L. Fry proprietor of the Keystone Hotel left the city Thursday to spend two weeks in his former home Baltimore, and other points east.

Dr. and Mrs. John Thomas of Beloit, Wis., spent Monday in the city the guest of Mr. Rufus Haines 3828 Dearborn st.

Mr. Thomas Gray 594 Fulton st., is spending the holidays in Cleveland, O.



SMITH'S JUBILEE CHOIR from Bethel Church, who sang for Lieut. Gov. Northrop at the 1st Reg. Armory, 1902.



Eighth Regiment Band, Season 1904. N. Clark Smith, Conductor.

Mrs. Eva Roman 3420 Prairie ave., left Friday evening for Louisville, Ky., where she will spend a few days with friends. The Buckingham Cafe, 3223 State st., for real good up-to-date meals. A new bill each day. Phone, Douglas 8199. S. W. T. Turner, Mgr.



Smith's Symphony Orchestra.

Mrs. Lucy Thurman, President National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, will lecture at Institutional Church 3825 Dearborn st., January 30th for the benefit of the Dearborn Center Club.

Rev. and Mrs. F. A. McCoo 5106 Dearborn street, mourn the loss of their four year old little boy "Willie," who passed away from the effects of diphtheria last week, interment at Oakwood.



Smith's Ladies' Orchestra, 1904.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Gray of Detroit, are spending the holidays in this city the guest of Mrs. Irene Porter, 3729 Dearborn st.

Mr. Samuel W. Thompson is spending the Xmas holidays with his wife and children in Los Angeles, California.



Smith Cadet Band, Chicago Boys.

Should you be in Hyde Park during the Holidays call and see Geo. Bridgewater at the "Old Stand", 195 E. 56th St. Al Rambeau is there also. Both of them are barbers. Call up Phone 3708 Hyde Park.

The Hyde Park Academy and Conservatory, 5213 Lake Ave., is progressing nicely. Students are entering all the time; more teachers have been employed and success seems to be ours. Wm. Jobe, President.